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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with <u>strikethrough</u>.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 3, with the following paragraph:

In Fig. 1, the home-delivery system 1 includes a home-delivery server 3 administered by a home-delivery company, <u>a</u> convenience store <u>terminal 4</u>, <u>for example, convenience store</u> terminals 4a and 4b installed in the convenience store, <u>a</u> user <u>terminal 5</u>, <u>for example, user</u> terminals 5a and 5b operated by a user and a distribution system 9. The home-delivery server 3, the convenience store terminals 4a and 4b, and the user terminals 5a and 5b are connected to each other via a network NW.

Please DELETE the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 20.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 17, with the following paragraph:

The home-delivery server 3 includes a database DB such as a user information database DB1, a convenience store information database DB2, a consignment information database DB3, a parcel information database DB4, or a reduction information database DB5, and a processing portion 11 for executing various processes.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 10, with the following paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 18, a memory device STA such as a main memory, a RAM, a ROM, or a hard disk provided in a processor PS, a portable medium STB such as a CD-ROM, a floppy disk, or a magnet-optical disk, a network medium STC such as a server or a <u>Direct Access Storage</u> <u>Device (DASD)</u> connected via a network or a communication line STD, or a communication line STD itself can be used as the recording medium ST.